

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

TYLER BAKER and LAUREN WOLF,
individually and on behalf of all others similarly
situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANGEION GROUP LLC,
EPIQ SYSTEMS, INC.,
JND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION,
TREMENDOUS LLC, BLACKHAWK
NETWORK HOLDINGS, INC., DIGITAL
SETTLEMENT TECHNOLOGIES LLC dba
DIGITAL DISBURSEMENTS PAYMENTS,
HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK,
WESTERN ALLIANCE BANK, and DOES 1-
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Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-02079-KBH

STIPULATION AND ORDER

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2025, Plaintiff Tyler Baker filed a Complaint against Defendants Angeion Group LLC (“Angeion”), Epiq Systems, Inc. (“Epiq”), and JND Legal Administration (“JND”) [ECF No. 1];

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2025, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint (“FAC”) [ECF No. 27] adding an additional Named Plaintiff (Lauren Wolf); six new claims (including alleged violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act and Sections 1962(c) and 1962(d) of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act); and five new Defendants (Tremendous LLC, Blackhawk Network Holdings, Inc., Digital Settlement Technologies LLC, The Huntington National Bank, and Western Alliance Bank) (collectively, with Angeion, Epiq, and JND, “Defendants”);

WHEREAS, Defendants' deadline to answer, move to dismiss, or otherwise respond to the FAC is September 5, 2025 [ECF No. 46] (collectively, "Defendants' Response Deadlines");

WHEREAS, the Rule 16 Case Management Conference has not yet been set, and discovery has not yet begun;

WHEREAS, other lawsuits have been filed in other jurisdictions that involve overlapping allegations against at least some Defendants. *See Whalen, et al., v. Epiq Systems, Inc., et al.*, No. 3:25-cv-4522 (N.D. Cal.) (filed May 28, 2025); (2) *Whalen v. Epiq Systems Inc., et al.*, No. 25-cv-4499 (S.D.N.Y.) (filed May 29, 2025); (3) *Tejon v. Epiq Systems, Inc., et al.*, No. 25-cv-22453 (S.D. Fla.) (filed May 29, 2025); and (4) *Rieger v. Epiq Systems, Inc., et al.*, No. 3:25-cv-4793 (N.D. Cal.) (filed June 5, 2025) (together, the "Related Actions");

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025, Plaintiffs Tyler Baker and Lauren Wolf ("Plaintiffs") filed a motion before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ("JPML") pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407 and Rule 7.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the JPML, to transfer and centralize the Related Actions to this Court before the undersigned Judge or, alternatively, to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York for consolidated or coordinated pretrial proceedings ("JPML Motion");

WHEREAS, judicial economy is served by staying matters pending the resolution of a motion before the JPML. *See Sullivan v. Meta Platforms, Inc.*, Case No. 25-0456 (E.D. Pa. May 29, 2025) (Hodge, J.), ECF No. 34 at 2 n.1 ("It would be a waste of judicial resources for this Court to consider the merits of the motions in this action while the JPML is considering whether transfer and centralization is appropriate."); *Kane v. McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.*, No. 13-605, 2013 WL 1397434, at *4 (M.D. Pa. Apr. 5, 2013) ("Courts often stay proceedings pending action by the JPML to preserve judicial resources and to ensure consistency in the disposition of like

matters.”); *Deoleo v. United States Liability Ins. Co.*, No. 20-2301, 2020 WL 9763085, at *1 (E.D. Pa. July 14, 2020) (granting motion to stay pending JPML ruling because “[a] short stay may avoid unnecessary briefing on Defendant’s anticipated Motion to Dismiss”);

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs and Defendants have conferred and agree that judicial economy and the interests of justice would be served by staying the above-captioned case pending the JPML’s decision on Plaintiffs’ pending JPML Motion;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby STIPULATED AND AGREED, that:

1. All outstanding deadlines in the above-captioned case, including Defendants’ deadline to answer, move to dismiss, or otherwise respond to the FAC, are stayed pending the JPML’s decision on Plaintiffs’ JPML Motion.
2. If the JPML grants Plaintiffs’ JPML Motion, and the matter is consolidated before this Court, Defendants will have fifty (50) days after the filing of a consolidated complaint to answer or otherwise respond to the consolidated complaint.
3. If the JPML denies Plaintiffs’ JPML Motion, Defendants’ will have thirty-five (35) days from the date of the JPML’s order denying the motion to respond to the FAC.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 20 , 2025

/s/ Hon. Kelley B. Hodge
Hon. Kelley Brisbon Hodge
U.S.D.J.

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